GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:281
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2006
ESI MEDICAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to take over delivery of medical services from the States to serve insured persons directly under the Employees State Insurance (ESI) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital taken over to run as model hospitals;

(d) the estimated financial burden likely to be born by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of additional facilities proposed to be provided to the beneficiaries of ESI Scheme throughout the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 281 FOR 11.12.2006 REGARDING "ESI Medical Services".

(a) & (b): The ESI Corporation, in its 136th meeting held on 15.06.2006, has taken a decision in principle to consider taking over the administration of Medical Scheme from those States which are willing to hand over the same to ESIC under Section 59 of ESI Act, 1948. A Committee has been constituted to work out and examine the feasibility and modalities for taking over the ESI Scheme from State Governments.

(c) & (d): At present, ESI Corporation is running directly 21 hospitals all over the country; of these, 17 as Model Hospitals. Out of these, 12 Hospitals have been taken over from the State Governments. List of these Hospitals is annexed. The cost of running these Hospitals is entirely borne by ESI Corporation.

(e): The ESI Corporation is already providing full medical care to its beneficiaries through its network of hospitals and dispensaries. The medical facilities are also provided through Private Medical Practitioners for outpatient care. Further, there is suitable tie up arrangement with reputed Govt./private institutions for super speciality investigation and treatment. The ESI beneficiaries are being provided services in Allopathy and Indian Systems of Medicine, which include Ayurvedic, Unani, Siddha, Yoga and Homeopathy (AYUSH). The facilities provided to the ESI beneficiaries include:

Health education
Family welfare services
Immunization services
HIV and AIDS control services
Outpatients, inpatients, emergency medical services
Diagnostic laboratory and radiological services
Antenatal, natal and postnatal services
Occupational health services
Super speciality services including specialized investigations
Physical and vocational rehabilitation
Ambulance services
Artificial aids and appliances such as spectacles, dentures, hearing aids, artificial limbs, etc.
Drugs & dressings

In addition, ESIC is upgrading its hospitals with modern equipments to provide quality medical care to its beneficiaries.